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Lt. Governor Peter Kinder names Lou Paris of Kansas City as Senior Service Award Winner

Award recognizes volunteer work by Missouri Seniors

JEFFERSON CITY – Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today announced 35 winners of the Lieutenant Governor’s Senior Service Award, including Lou Paris of Kansas City.

Lt. Governor Kinder presented the awards today (May 8) at a luncheon for the winners and their guests outside his office in the Capitol. Paris was nominated by Reps. Jay Swearingen of Kansas City and Myron Neth of Liberty and by Sen. Ryan Silvey of Kansas City.

For more than 20 years, Paris has volunteered at North Kansas City Hospital. Last year, she was honored by Ingram’s Magazine as one of their “Heroes in Healthcare.” She also volunteers at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Union Station and for The Starlight Theatre.

In their nomination, Reps. Swearingen and Neth and Sen. Silvey said Paris is an outstanding senior volunteer deserving of recognition.

“Ms. Paris is a dedicated citizen that has gone above and beyond to help others,” said Silvey

Neth said the dedication and commitment shown by Paris has led to the expansion of opportunities for more volunteers at the hospital.

“Her life is a testament to the value of our senior citizens in the area of volunteerism,” added Swearingen. “Our communities are enriched by citizens like Lou, not only with the services they provide, but as an example to all of us that we have the ability to lead vital and productive lives in our senior years.”

Lt. Governor Kinder presented Paris with an official declaration and a Senior Service Award lapel pin at a ceremony in the Capitol.

“Lou Paris sets an example for all Missourians with her kindness and willingness to serve North Kansas City Hospital, her church and her community,” Kinder said. “Her selfless service is an inspiration to all who know her.”

Kinder this year received more than 150 nominations for the Senior Service Award, naming 34 winners representing the state’s 34 Senatorial Districts and one at-large winner. Farmer won in District 17.